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## The Runestone Poll '89

In this, the second issue of the Trib, is the Runestone Poll. It's all pretty self-explanatory, and most of you have seen it before. The Trib is not listed and is not eligible for votes as no one could have seen at least two issues since 8/88. But we'll be there next year!

On the back side of the poll is a pledge sheet in which the proceeds will go to The American Heart Association. It is also pretty self-explanatory, and it's for a good cause!

## World Diplomacy

The Trib will be running one game of John Armstrong's variant World Diplomacy. I am playing the United States in a game he is GMing and I must say I am very impressed with the game. I plan to start the game in the July or August issue and will post the rules & house rules in the issue prior.

The Trib offers a map for use in World Diplomacy that measures approximately 3 foot by 4 foot for \$4.00 each. Tips on making color coded playing peices are included.

## TRI0589A (STD DIP)

The Trib's first game of Diplomacy has a full compliment of players. They are:

Austria-Jim Diehl  
England-Terry Lachcik  
France-Bob Sweeney  
Germany-John Armstrong

Italy-Joe Santella  
Russia-Jim Green  
Turkey-Richard Weiss

The Deadline for this game's Spring 1901 moves is: June 1st 1989.



## THE ZINE POLL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abattoir                | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Bellua            | <input type="checkbox"/> Perelandra             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acorn                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fol Si Fie             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Light            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha & Omega           | <input type="checkbox"/> Frobozz                | <input type="checkbox"/> Politesse              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Appalachian General | <input type="checkbox"/> The Gamer's Zine (CT)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pontevedria            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Archair Diplomat    | <input type="checkbox"/> Get Them Dots Now!     | <input type="checkbox"/> Praxis                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> benzene                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Graustark              | <input type="checkbox"/> The Prince             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boast                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hagalil Hazaarvi       | <input type="checkbox"/> Protocol               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Boob Report         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hal! Jikal!            | <input type="checkbox"/> Protozoan              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bushwacker              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hansard                | <input type="checkbox"/> Punt Formation         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Buzzard's Breath    | <input type="checkbox"/> The Home Office        | <input type="checkbox"/> Q-Who?                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Canadian Diplomat   | <input type="checkbox"/> House of Lords         | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebel                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Cad&Commentary | <input type="checkbox"/> In Search of Pdnk News | <input type="checkbox"/> The Rebel Alliance     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy's Ramblings       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kaissa                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheesecake              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy's Korner         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sciplonibus            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clandestine Activities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Known Game Openings    | <input type="checkbox"/> The Scribblerist       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comrades in Arms        | <input type="checkbox"/> KGO Zine Directory     | <input type="checkbox"/> So I Lied              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costaguana              | <input type="checkbox"/> The Last Resort        | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Mutant          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Countermeasures         | <input type="checkbox"/> Life of Monty          | <input type="checkbox"/> Son of Flip            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Mirror             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord of the Boards     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ter-ran                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomacy Today         | <input type="checkbox"/> The Messenger          | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAX                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomacy World         | <input type="checkbox"/> Minidip                | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Bars in C Sharp    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomacy World News    | <input type="checkbox"/> News from Bree         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyrannania             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploaag                | <input type="checkbox"/> No Name Flyer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Upstart                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomatic Contraband   | <input type="checkbox"/> North Sealth W. George | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertigo                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Diplomatic Rag      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nth Shr Ga Clb Nwsltr  | <input type="checkbox"/> The Volcano City News  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dippy (Jim Benes' zine) | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flame         | <input type="checkbox"/> Who Cares?             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease City            | <input type="checkbox"/> Not New York           | <input type="checkbox"/> The Zine Register      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragnet                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Up to Modern G.S.  | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Victims Wanted</u>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Everything              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Acres             | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Murder Paradise</u> |
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(Blank spaces are for any I've neglected to list.)

INSTRUCTIONS: You may rate any amateur publication related to the Diplomacy hobby of which you have seen at least two issues since August 1, 1988 (or should have seen had the zine been on time). Rate each zine on a scale of 0 (the pits) to 10 (outstanding). No fractions, please. Do not rate your own publication. Please rate North American zines only, though readers living outside North America are welcome to participate.

Send this ballot to: Bruce Linsey, P.O. Box 1334, Albany, NY 12201 (USA)  
or: Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward Street, Milford, MA 01757 (USA)

Deadline will be about the end of June (probably), but please vote early.

TO GET THE POLL RESULTS: For main lists only (zines, subzines, and GMs), check this space ☐ and enclose 50¢.

To get The Cream Shall Rise!, check this space ☐ and please enclose a donation of \$3.00 or more. (See my blatant self-plug in the bottom right...)

Indicate one way in which you participate in the North American Diplomacy hobby

(sub to zine XXX, play in game 1988YY, etc.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name neatly \_\_\_\_\_

(If your ballot isn't signed or I can't tell who you are, it may not be counted!)

## THE SUBZINE POLL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Abyssinian Prince   | <input type="checkbox"/> The Grand Bizarre     | <input type="checkbox"/> The President's Brain... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon                  | <input type="checkbox"/> High Inertia          | <input type="checkbox"/> Seal-Instant Replay      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At Your Service         | <input type="checkbox"/> Karmel's Panorama     | <input type="checkbox"/> Shadowplay               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atrocity Exhibition     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mazus                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Deviation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backstretch             | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting of Minds      | <input type="checkbox"/> Submarine Warfare        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Been There, Done That   | <input type="checkbox"/> The Melnbone Herald   | <input type="checkbox"/> Subwithnoname            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Blind Wars          | <input type="checkbox"/> Moire                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thwab in Ear             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDO News                | <input type="checkbox"/> The New Utopia        | <input type="checkbox"/> (Time) Lording It        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Errata                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Notes from the Bunker | <input type="checkbox"/> The 12th Fret            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremism in Defense... | <input type="checkbox"/> OPERABLE              | <input type="checkbox"/> The Whipping Post        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The First Negotiator    | <input type="checkbox"/> Out to Pasture        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foot in Mouth           | <input type="checkbox"/> The Pocket General    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frump                   | <input type="checkbox"/> The Popular Front     |   |

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INSTRUCTIONS: The same as for the Zine Poll -- 0 to 10 scale, do not rate your own publication, etc.

## THE GM POLL

Please list GMs alphabetically by surname, going down the columns. Diplomacy GMs only!

Vote	GM's Name	Vote	GM's Name	Vote	GM's Name

INSTRUCTIONS: You may rate any Diplomacy GM in whose postal game(s) you were a player at any time after August 1, 1988, and under whom you played for long enough to gain an objective assessment of his or her competence as a GM. Gamesmasters may not rate themselves. Rate each GM by name, not by zine.

Again, the rating scale is from 0 (the pits) to 10 (outstanding). No fractions, please. Rate North American GMs only, though any players living outside North America are welcome to participate.

## CONTEST

The prize this year is a free year's subscription to a zine of the winner's choice, or \$5.00 cash. If you'd like to enter, fill out the following (print neatly!):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The zine I predict will win the 1989 Runestone Poll is \_\_\_\_\_

### Rules

1. You must vote in the Poll and correctly guess the winning zine to be eligible for the prize.
2. The winner will be selected randomly from among all eligible entrants.
3. The winner's name will be published in The Cream Shall Rise!.
4. The pollster and his assistant are not eligible to win.
5. The winner will be notified and allowed, at his or her discretion, to choose the subscription or the cash prize.

PLEASE BUY THE CREAM SHALL RISE! FOR \$3.00 -- THE POLL DEPENDS ON YOUR DONATIONS, AND THE ZINE WILL BE PRETTY DANGED FASCINATING -- ARTICLES ON THE HOBBY, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, THE WORKS!!!



## Plugs

The Bushwacker is a zine dedicated to the play and reporting of Diplomacy's many variants. Sample copies are available for \$.50 from:  
Fred C. Davis Jr.

The Bushwacker has been in continuous publication for 17 years and Mr. Davis was the custodian of the North American Variant Bank Catalog.

Boast is the second oldest running Dip Zine in existence. It is available from:  
Herb Barents

Mr. Barents also puts out Future Wars, a zine dealing with games like BattleTech, Star Wars, etc.

The new custodian of the N.A. Variant Bank Catalog is:  
Lee Kendter Jr.

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Subscription Form:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00/1 Year	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00/Single Issue
Game Fees:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00 Reg.Dip.	Vol. _____ No. _____
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☐ World Diplomacy Map - \$4.00

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Game Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: Gerald Todd

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\*Do not use your initials or numbers please.